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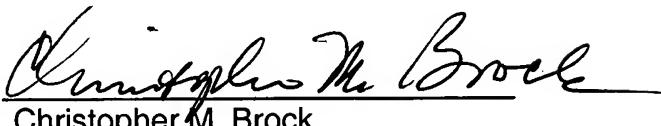
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of the recited features are outside the scope of the claims. Moreover, to the extent the Reasons For Allowance do not separately address the additional subject matter of Claims 2-15, Applicants do not acquiesce to any inference that these claims do not present patentable subject matter independent of the patentability of Claim 1.

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